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SUBJECT: AFN TRANSMISSION

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1. OBSERVATIONS OF RADIO SARAJEVO TRANSMISSIONS
ON FREQUENCY 611 KHZ HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN BELGRADE
DURING EVENING PERIOD 1800-0100 CET BEGINNING
JAN. 10 DURING AFN NUERENBERG TRANSMITTER POWER
REDUCTION OPERATIONS.

2. SO FAR, INDICATIONS ARE THAT NOT MUCH
DIFFERENCE HAS BEEN NOTED IN DEGREE OF ADN
INTERFERENCE TO RADIO SARAJEVO SIGNAL THAN WAS
PREVIOUSLY EXPERIENCED DURING SPECIAL MONITORING
PROJECT CONDUCTED IN BANJA LUKA IN NOV. 1974 WHEN
AFN CONDUCTED POWER REDUCTION TESTS AT THAT TIME.

3. ON FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 10 AFN SIGNAL WAS
MOSTLY UNHEARD WHILE RADIO MAYAK (USSR) WAS
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INTERFERING WITH SARAJEVO SIGNAL. CONVERSELY, ON

SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 11, AFN SIGNAL WAS CLEARLY INTERFERING WITH SARAJEVO TRANSMISSION AND WAS ANNOYING TO A LISTENER, AT LEAST AS OBSERVED IN BELGRADE. SUNDAY AND MONDAY EVENINGS, JAN. 12 AND 13, AFN WAS OCCASIONALLY OBSERVED AT TIMES WITH WEAK SIGNAL AS WAS RADIO MAYAK SIGNAL. OBSERVATIONS CONTINUING.

4. ON MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 13, RADIO SARAJEVO MADE SEVERAL APOLOGETIC ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT THEY WOULD BE OFF-AIR FOR SEVERAL MINUTES FOR TECHNICAL REASONS. ON TWO OCCASIONS, AT BEGINNING OF HOUR, RADIO SARAJEVO TRANSMITTER WAS OFF-AIR FOR FOUR MINUTES EACH TIME. TECHNICAL OFFICER IN BELGRADE ASSUMES THIS WAS IN ORDER FOR YUGOSLAVS TO MONITOR AFN SIGNAL.

5. TECHNICAL COMMENT FYI: AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED DURING SPECIAL MONITORING OF AFN SIGNAL WHILE POWER REDUCTION TESTS WERE BEING CONDUCTED IN NOVEMBER 1974, WORLD RADIO TV HANDBOOK 1974 LISTS RADIO SARAJEVO TRANSMITTER POWER AS 600 KW. MONITOR IN BANJA LUKA BELIEVED TAT LISTED POWER MIGHT BE EXAGGERATED. TECHNICAL OFFICER IN BELGRADE BELIEVES THAT IT IS POSSIBLE RADIO SARAJEVO MAY HAVE REDUCED ITS TRANSMITTER POWER PRIOR TO OR DURING AFN POWER REDUCTION TESTS.
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